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new gay bills

Three categories of gay rights legislation have been submitted in the Mass. State House this year: (1) prohibiting discrimination in specific areas, (2) prohibiting discrimination in general (a constitutional amendment) and (3) repeal of certain sex laws.

The bills and the representatives who filed them are:

H.1686. Repeal of open and gross lewdness, fornication, crime against nature, and unnatural acts laws (Sections 16, 18, 34 and 35 respectively of Chapter 272 of the General Laws). BARNEY FRANK.

H.2688. Constitutional amendment that equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of (among other things) sexual preference. BARNEY FRANK.

H. 2689. No discrimination in the sale., rates, or other conditions of life insurance on the basis of sexual preference. Amends Chapter 175 by adding a Section 122A. BARNEY FRANK.

H.2713. There shall be no question on a civil service exam or application about the sexual preference of the applicant, and appointment shall not be affected by it. Amends Section 10 of Chapter 31. JOHN BUSINGER.

H.2714. No discrimination in employment, housing, mortgages, application for insurance, credit, leasing commercial space, etc., on the basis of sexual preference. Amends Chapter 151B. LAURENCE BUXBAUM.

H.2715. No discrimination in public accomodations. Amends Chapter 272, Section 98. LAURENCE BUXBAUM.

The following groups co-sponsored one or more of the bills: Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, National Organization for Women (Eastern Mass. branch), Americans for Democratic Action, Homophile Union of Boston, and Daughters of Bilitis. Rep. James Collins signed to co-sponsored H.2714 but not to file it.

The bills are not yet printed nor have hearing dates been set. Hearings are likely to be in February. The Homophile Union of Boston, Daughters of Bilitis, and others are preparing for testimony and support. Contact them if you want to work on these.

U.N.H. saga continues

A court settlement is at hand for the Gay Students Organization at the University of New Hampshire. The GSO's right to hold "social functions" and even their right to remain on campus has been questioned.

A central issue was the hosting of the gay liberation play "Coming Out!" at UNH earlier this month. It has been alleged by witness Alan Bridle that members of the GSO were handing out copies of the Boston newspaper *Fag Rag*. The paper was offensive to many people, including N.H. Gov. Meldrim Thomson.

The specific member of GSO accused of giving the paper to Bridle has denied that he or anyone else from the GSO distributed the paper.

Alan Bridle is the governor's student appointee to the University board of trustees. Wayne April, president of GSO, said that he was considering the possibility of charges of purgery being brought against Bridle if the courts decision is in favor of the GSO. April said that he was confident that the decision, due within the next two weeks, would be in GSO's favor.

There will also be a meeting of the UNH Board of Trustees on Jan. 19 to try and iron out a compromise: Gov. Thomson and the state attorney general will be present.

Ed. note: see G.C.N. issue No. 28, Dec. 29, 1973

Maine gays attacked

AUGUSTA, Maine – The actions of N.H. Gov. Thomson against the UNH Gay Students Association may have set a precedent for university gay groups in Northern New England, for now the University of Maine (Orono) gay group, the Wilde/Stein club, has come under similar attack.

After holding a very successful gay dance off-campus at a local Protestant Church, the group came under attack by Rev. Benjamin C. Bubar, Jr., the superintendant of the Christian Civic League of Augusta. Bubar was quoted in local and national press, radio and TV as saying such activities "could lead many innocent and unsuspecting young men.... to being recruited and enslaved." "Homosexuals cannot reproduce, therefore they must recruit" continued Bubar, who went as far as to say that the Wilde/Stein club (which he insists on calling the "Gay Blades" – see last week's GCN CITA feature), "are a part of the new social order on campus... and that several of the faculty and the administration are homosexuals or lesbians and are promoting this new social order."

In a letter to University President Dr. Howard Neville, Bubar expressed his outrage at University recognition of the gay group, and strongly urged that this be recinded.

Contacted by GCN, a chairperson for the Wilde/Stein club described Bubar as *the* Christian Civic League, formerly the Christian Temperance League, and well-known for such attacks. His influence was described as limited, although he gets much publicity.

The chairperson also explained that the group has been recognized by the Student Center Committee, as are all others, and the administration of the University has no direct control over either recognition nor recinding this. This fact, along with Bubar's limited influence, would seem to make the Maine situation less volatile than New Hampshire's, where the Governor has considerable financial and legislative power over UNH, which does have the power to recind recognition of their student gay group.

The publicity has caused the Maine gay group problems, though, due to the present vacation, the exact extent of the difficulties is hard to judge. Dr. Neville, U-Maine President, has stated that he is "concerned" and there appears to now be difficulty concerning approval of a planned Maine State Gay Conference which was to have been held on the campus this March. The group has been informed that "due to the energy crisis" it will be can-

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Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 at DOB Office, 419 Boylston Street, Boston, Rm. 323. Have you ever heard of DOB, a lesbian organization open to all women? Have you ever wanted to learn more about it or perhaps join? Is DOB doing anything that is relevant to you and your lifestyle? Come find out what we're doing and what we hope to do. Come sisters and bring your friends and ideas.

Closet Space odds and ends

"Closet Space," the area's newest gay radio program, features an interview with Sheri Barden on the activities of the Daughters of Bilitis on this Sunday's program. Other segments on the half-hour show will be a book review of *The Best Little Boy in the World;* five minutes of news and announcements by "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy"; information on local activities and organizations for gay artists; a "Turnabout" in which the nation's gays declare psychiatrists are no longer sick; poetry, music, and unexpected humor in the strngest places(?).

"Closet Space" is broadcast every Sunday morning at 10:20 am on WCAS, 740 AM. The program staff is still looking for gay writers, musicians and individuals who care to submit information, poetry, music, etc., for the show. Send all information to WCAS, "Closet Space," WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 02139.

women wed

December 31, 1973, New Year's Eve, was the date chosen by Geri Bidwell and Karen to begin their celebration of committment. The union was witnessed by the Reverend Nancy Wilson at 7 pm in the Old West Church. The ceremony was written by the two women, and was a moving statement of love emphasized with appropriate music by Jan Field, Linda Lachman, and Heather Anderson. During the ceremony, Karen played the guitar and sang "Wedding Song" to Geri. Close to 100 members of the gay community attended. A gala reception was held at Sheri and Lois's after the ceremony.

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The balance of funds remaining when the Gay Community Centre Ad Hoc Committee, dissolved several months ago, has been given to the Homophile Community Health Service.

The HCHS has voted to use the money to support its Education Department. The nine major areas of the Education Department projected for 1974 are (1) Gay Way Radio, (2) Conferences (3) B.U. Course on Homosexuality (4) Institute of Homophile Studies (5) Publications, (6) Public Speaking (7) Books – Library and for sale (8) Educational packets, and (9) Information correspondence.

NE gay conference

WORCESTER – The second meeting of the committee to plan the 1974 New England Gay Conference was held at the office of the Worcester Gay Union on Saturday, January 5th.

The first meeting last month decided that the conference would be held in Boston at Emerson College, the site of last year's conference. Also at the Dec. meeting the weekend of March 15, 16, and 17 was chosen, along with the theme of "Come Together."

Last week's meeting dealt primarily with the topics and nature of the workshops to be held, as well as choice of chairpeople for : registration; housing; child care; publicity; and physical planning.

Tentatively, sixteen workshops are to be held on the following topics: Coming Out; Political Action; Rural Gays; Women's Workshop – "Gayer than thou"; Massachusetts Legislation; Relition; Local Counciling Needs; Discrimination within the community – "no fems, fats, freaks, S&M, etc., etc." Also included are the following workshops prefixed by the word Gay: Gay Professionals; Media; Curriculum; Youth; Parents; Prisoners; and Third World Minorities.

Persons with experience in any of these areas are needed to help organize these workshops and should contact Judy Stein at (617) 731-8848 or 227-8010. People from outside of Boston are particularly needed.

A meeting of the Physical Facilities Committee will be held this Saturday, January 12th, 2:00 pm in Boston at the DOB office, 419 Boylston Street.

The next general meeting of the entire planning committee will be held at MCC/Providence on Sat., Feb. 2nd, at 2:00 pm. MCC is located at 410 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI. Both of these meetings are open to any interested individual or group.

have you been discriminated against?

When confronted by requests for legislation to protect gay people against discrimination (see elsewhere in this issue), the legislators tend to say "WHAT discrimination? Why bother to make new laws?" The only thing they will believe is hard cases. They believed Bob Dow last year when he told about being refused a driver's license. This year they need to realize that the discrimination is not just an isolated case once in a blue moon. This is how you can help.

A committee is collecting cases of discrimination and they want to talk with you if you have ever had any such problems. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION AND INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL IT WILL NOT BE USED AT THE STATE HOUSE UNLESS YOU GIVE WRITTEN PERMISSION. ALSO, IF YOU DO ALLOW YOUR STATEMENT TO BE USED, YOUR NAME AND OTHER IDENTIFYING DETAILS MAY BE OMITTED. The committee wants to get a picture of discrimination such as: not getting or losing a job, being afraid to complain about job conditions because of being gay, being denied housing, commercial rental space, a mortgage, insurance, credit, good medical care, the right to visit a lover in the hospital, bonding, fair treatment in court, visitation rights to your children or custody of them, union membership, etc. Or if you have been arrested on a sex crime charge or open and gross lewdness. You may think of others.

If you can help in the collection of cases, call Laura Robin at the Daughters of Bilitis on Thursday nights from 8 to 10 pm (262-1592) or Bob Dow at the Homophile Union of Boston at anytime you can get him (536-6197), or write Daughters of Bilitis, 419 Boylston St., Room 323, Boston, 02116.

Margaret Mead approves gay anthropologists

In a recent Chicago meeting of the Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, a Gay Anthropologist group was formed. The Congress, which meets only once every 5 years, attracted 3000 anthropologists and ethnologists from around the world. Margaret Mead, who chaired the convention expressed her approval of the idea of gay anthropologists organizing themselves.

In a position paper, this new gay group states that "anthropology, in spite of its broad tradition of scientific humanism, is permeated by Western society's attitudes of homophobia.... More deeply significant is homophobia's effect on the profession itself when it causes major distortion and omission in anthropologists' perception and interpretation of cultural reality.... Gay anthropologists have a unique contribution to make to a more truly objective research into the totality of human sexuality...."

This group invites comments and criticism. Persons interested may write: Gay Anthropologists, c/o Henry Wiemhoff, 444 W. Roslyn P. E3, Chicago, Illinois 60614.

Jewish gay group forms

The initial meeting for the formation of a Jewish gay group was held Dec. 29 at the Old West Church. The discussion centered upon the reasons for creating such a group. One brother said that it was hard for him to meet persons of similar interests (Judaism being one of his main interests) at a gay bar. A Jewish group would bring people of similar interests together. All felt that the sexism of the traditional Jewish congregation could be eliminated in a gay synagogue. One person suggested that if a synagogue were formed, all members of the congregation should be called rabbi since rabbi means teacher and we're all teachers to each other. This would eliminate elitism, sexism (since both women and men would be rabbis), and power games we find in traditional religion. The core of Judaism which is based on love of God would be stressed rather than hollow traditions. The group would be whatever those participating wanted it to be. All gay Jews and non-Jews interested in this group should come to a get-together on Wed., Jan. 23 at the Old West Church at 8 pm.

mazing Grace

by
Rev. Paul R. Shanley
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Archdiocese of Boston

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Chaplain – Dignity/Boston

ASTONISHING "CURE"

On December 15, 1973, approximately twenty million Americans were "cured" in a day of what some consider the most loathsome of diseases. The American Psychiatric Association dropped from its list of mental illnesses and disorders the condition known as homosexuality. According to a *New York Times* report (12/23/73) homosexuality is defined "instead as a 'sexual orientation disturbance' ".

If the *Times* report is correct we must applaud the APA for dropping the listing but assail it for relabelling all homosexuals. However, as a matter of fact, Robert Spitzer, M.D., a member of the Nomenclature Committee assures us in the same article that this was not the intent of the Committee. The new category is for the few homosexuals, the small minority, who are in conflict over their sexual orientation, the handful who wish treatment to become heterosexual or who need to get rid of guilt feelings. He admits that most homosexuals are not in conflict and therefore not to be considered as undergoing a "sexual orientation disturbance."

If a left-handed person or a black is in conflict, distressed, impaired and desirous of changing to right-handedness or become white, then he certainly could use the services of a psychiatrist, but it would be ludicrous to conclude that left-handed people and blacks who don't want to change are also disturbed. Evidently what they meant to say was not only is homosexuality not a psychiatric disorder, but neither is it a distrubance, save in the few cases of homosexuals experiencing conflict.

In any case, what is to be said now of a Church which insisted that homosexuals were sick, mentally ill people who had an obligation to seek the services of a psychiatrist? It was absurd enough to hear the same church which 40 years before had insisted via Bishop Fulton Sheen that the couch was the devil's workshop now refusing Catholic gays entrance to heaven unless they submitted to the couch. Psychiatry was evil 40 years ago; then psychiatry became essential for gays. Now the psychiatrists themselves admit that the couch is unnecessary for most gays and that homosexuality is not and illness anyway. Now how can the poor Gay go to heaven? Or can't he or she? What will replace the couch? Insisting on the "obligation to seek medical cure" condemned millions of Gays to the enormously costly, time-consuming, worthless pastime of therapy by a group of doctors who now admit that they cannot cure the condition since it isn't even an illness. Will there be refunds of fees? Of grace?

It is of interest that the APA issued no apology for its error. Nor has any been forthcoming from the theologians. Few Catholic priests ordained over 10 years have failed to spread the error that homosexuality is an illness. Will there now be an apology? Or will the church fight the APA? Unlikely. Will it go along with the APA? Probably, since the psychiatrists have become the new super-clergy.

Irreparable, incalculable injury has been done to millions of gay people by the psychiatric profession, as well as by the Church. Yet not one note of compunction is to be heard. If by some stretch of the imagination the APA had for years insisted that left-handedness was a psychiatric disorder and the Church, following willy-nilly, had then insisted that left-handed Catholics submit to therapy, wouldn't an apology be in order from both houses if today the APA renounced that opinion?

Injustice requires reparation according to those same theologians. May we make a modest proposal of how that might be done? Give to the Catholic Gay community in Boston a building in which we could more effectively minister to the needs of gay people: a place to worship and perhaps heal some of our wounds; a place to talk with distraught parents of gays, despondent teenagers, isolated elderly gays; an opportunity to set up a ministry to gay prisoners, victimized Youth Services Board adolescents; a place to launch a gay AA Program, employment services and legal counseling, educational programs for homophobic professionals, rap groups, hotline, and halfway housing. We now have Mass jammed into a small room, sitting on the floor for lack of facilities.

We would further suggest that mention be made in every pulpit of the simple fact that we have been wrong. Let there be an official "act of contrition" from "moral leaders" who were sucked into this trap despite repeated pleas from the gay community.

Recently the Archbishop of Boston, concerned by the numbers of Catholics lapsing from the Faith pleaded: "But I am most anxious that dialogue be opened up with all those...who are not with us on Sunday and whose presence we miss so much. Let us hear with sensitivity and understanding the complaints which they may have against society, church, clergy, liturgy. Some of the complaints may be legitimate. In hearing we may well learn a great deal about our times. We may hear something which God wants us to hear."

Catholic gays want and have sought unsuccessfully to dialogue. Indeed some of our "complaints may be legitimate." One obvious one is that the Church officially labelled as sick a condition which medicine now admits is not a sickness.

M.B. LOUNGE

Ellie at the Piano
Dancing Upstairs

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If you find errors in this issue, please realize that there is a reason for them- we have something for everyone, and some people have to find something wrong!

forum

GAY IS . . .

The Question: Complete the sentence—"GAY IS . . ."

(Since the purpose of Forum is to provide an open Forum on what people in the community think, GCN tried a new way of getting the feelings of the community (you out there) by putting a pile of cards with "Gay Is . . ." on them in the coffeehouse at the Charles Street Meeting-house one evening. Through the aid of the friendly waiters, who were bribed into it, the following uncensored scribbles were procured. Thanks to all.)

GAY IS....healthy for people and all other living things!

GAY IS....but one more of those ways to say we're all normal too.

GAY IS....a Zinka Milanov Fan.

GAY IS....that last step in the finalization process of becoming that unique individual who can be what his make-up leads him to be.

GAY IS....a city notion
a habit among genders
the forbidden in motion
the righteous defender of moral erosion
will underwrite the spenders of civic devptopm.

GAY IS....not who I am, neither is straight.

GAY IS....elliptically tangerine.

GAY IS....loving, non-power relationships with people of the same or opposite sex – D.B.

GAY IS....me and you.....touching – M.E.M.

GAY IS....being free; the enjoyment of growing without past self-repression –J.S.

GAY IS....a bore. At least most Bostonians are!

GAY IS....not good
not better
not the best

GAY IS....a way of life – M.W.M.

GAY IS....getting a $20 trick and having him realize you both have cocks.

GAY IS....loving the same sex, not rejection of the opposite sex – A.M.

GAY IS....charming people, deliberately and generously trying to transform our society into a sane one – for mutual evolution.

GAY IS....when you want to say homosexual but you're in a hurry.

GAY IS....if all the poignant and beautiful things and feelings in the universe were transformed and represented in a single word of love – that would be gay.

GAY IS....confusing – but isn't it wonderful! – Michael Smith

GAY IS....everything straight is but with a few nicer angles.

GAY IS....love – love of another, no different than heterosexuality; a mutual sharing of one's life, needs, experiences, a mutual growth and fulfillment.

GAY IS....applauding to bring Tinkerbell back to life.

GAY IS....the acceptance of one's deepest longings. Satya.

GAY IS....becoming truly, humanly alive to love and life. Harold.

GAY IS....recognizable metaphysically.

GAY IS....something I've gotta be and who I'll be when I finally realize I'm just perfect being who I am.

GAY IS....frivolous, light-headed, inconsequential, foolishly optimistic, limited – a bad term to describe people.

GAY IS....almost all over.

GAY IS....lust, passion, tears, broken dreams, desperation, eternal searching.

GAY IS....the most normal and happy way of life for me.

GAY IS....GAY love, nature's flower; perfectly natural, physical, emotional love.

GAY IS....whatever you make of it, no more, no less.

GAY IS....good; androgyny is better. N.C.F.

GAY IS....a word used to denote relationships between people of the same sex.

GAY IS....all that is beautiful and warm and loving and natural.

GAY IS....nice if it is something everyone can be, including the old and the poor, without being derided or victimized.

GAY IS....unmasking inner beauty.

GAY IS....God's gift to the human race.

GAY IS....of course! E.M.

GAY IS....most natural! A.M.

GAY IS....omnipresent. A.M.

GAY IS....skipping down the block holding hands.

GAY IS....another perspective – another vehicle to learn the things we all must learn, whether gay, straight, bi, neuter or celebate. To learn to be.

GAY IS....a cryptic remark made at a late night party; the Meetinghouse Coffeehouse a few short weeks later: and finally cancer of the colon.

GCN brings you Forum in its efforts to provide a true forum of opinion for the New England area. Ideas expressed in this page represent the feelings of the author only, not that of GCN, its staff, sponsors or advertisers. GCN's primary responsibility is to attempt to present as wide a spectrum of views as possible. Comments from readers on the views expressed on this page, as well as possible future topics, are encouraged and will be printed in subsequent issues of GCN.

This page brought to you by the generosity of: an anonymous individual

(The following letter is a continuation of the article entitled MERRY CHRISTMAS, WITH LOVE . . . which appeared in the Dec. 22 issue of GCN. That article consisted of a "coming out" letter from a gay male to his parents. The following letter is the reply to the letter received from his father.)

January 31, 1973

Dear Bill:

Richt! I just reread your beautiful letter and it is right. We love you and support you and see that you have reached a real level of maturity, more than I could have certainly, about yourself and everyone and especially us all.

Now I am not going to go on from there, for I have said it all — to take it back with a lot of yes-buts. I will though tell you some of the things that have been going on in my heart and guts and mind too.

For a couple of days I couldn't stand it. Didn't do anything. I was just numb and confused. This is not shame, it is anguish. It seems from the outside like such a sad long life, and one imagines all sorts of dismal liaisons, dependencies, loss of real direction and control of your own (yours, I mean) character and life. Even old age with a lot of silly and repulsive old men. That is anguish to think about, especially my son being taken advantage of or exploited. From what little I know of the Gay Pride group in Boston, I hopefully take it aht these aspects of shame and self-loss are recognized and guarded against. Anyway, a gut anguish.

A heart reaction was and is that as you know, many outstanding people of both sexes are and have been homosexual; also creative in all the arts, dance, etc., and in not a few cases statesmen and leaders of thought. One has the impression that much of England's upper class (men, anyway) went through some phase of this at boarding school. Most of them went on to "normal" relationships too, family life (it can be good!) and public service in leadership careers. I'm not saying that this with you is a phase, but I do want to say that not everyone who thinks he is a homosexual is necessarily so. What I am saying is that you may be premature and a little bold in coming to this self-identification at your age and with a rather narrow range of experience to go by. Lengthy, I agree, but narrow.

Don't you wonder if your self-identification is or was for lack of an alternative one? I mean that *some* identity was better than to go on with no clear one at all? You don't have to answer that, to me or anyone, but I would hold the door open, while still being what you now believe is the real you, to the possibility of a wider identity. One can also say "I am an artist. I see life in artistic terms" — or "I am a mime, a clown, a philosopher, a musician."

But your honesty and objectivity are wonderful and I am just suggesting that having got this particular identification out into the open, it will be important to get on with what truly identifies you. After all, heteros don't identify themselves in the first or last analysis by that aspect of their nature or make-up.

There is much more to say, I am sure, but it will have to wait, and besides we don't have to keep on going over it, do we? Mommy and I will survive, and we are proud indeed of your candor and trust in us. Now let's see where you can go from here, school-wise or career-wise or whatever. Write soon. We love you, man. Take it easy.

Dad

(The features GCN has done on the subject of "coming out" have created enough interest for GCN to initiate a new column which will deal with this area of interest. Watch for it soon in GCN.)

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ MEDIA MESSAGE ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

by Loretta Lotman

CHARGE!!

Local media are finally waking up and noticing the gay community. There has been an avalanche of interest in us in recent weeks and there are no signs that this current fad is about to end.

In the past tense, Daughters of Bilitis handled their "Catch 44" program on December 20 excellently, an upside-down Claire Shanahan notwithstanding.... Several local news outlets reported on the American Psychiatric Association decision.... Eda Le Shan, guest moderator on the "Sonya Hamlin Show," handled a 40 minute rap with Lesbian Mothers excellently, without a hint of condescension or uptightness. The program, aired on January 4, was a perfect example of how broadcasting can and should approach homosexuality.... Beth Winship of "Dear Beth" in the Globe used the APA decision as a signal to come out for gays.... and even Grannie Annie is cooling her attacks since the shrinks made up their minds.

The gay future in local media is promising, if not downright breathtaking. Wonderful WCAS (740 AM) has given Gay Media Action a half-hour weekly, for a gay program. "Closet Space" premiered on December 30 as a one hour special and has been received enthusiastically by area gays. The station has now added a weekly gay newscast to its regular programming. ("Closet Space" airs Sundays at 10:20 am.).... A mid-February Paul Benzaquin show will feature discussion of the APA decision followed by a rap with Lesbian Mothers. To show that we're not being ghetto-ized in one program, Benzaquin on April 26 will feature Dr. Harold Brown of the New York National Gay Task Force... "Catch 44" belongs to the loveable lunies of GCN on Wednesday, February 6 at 8:30 on Ch. 44.

AND – the "Bostonia" program (Ch. 7) is talking with members of Gay Media Action about a program on the gay community; "Closet Space" may syndicate to Worcester within the month; and with the New England Gay Conference, the HCHS Conference and a possible Lesbian Conference, all before Gay Pride Week, we're going to be covered by all the local news teams. We may not exactly be dominating the airwaves and newspapers, but compared to a year ago, we're everywhere in the media. And that's *good.*

BITS AND PIECES – A year ago this April, WCVB (Ch. 5) aired its disgusting series on "Homosexuals in Boston." During the protest that followed the series, the station's news director agreed the series had been unfair to women and promised a news series about Lesbians within the year. Now is the time to jolt his memory – send your cards and letters to: Lawrence Pickard, Director of News, WCVB-TV, 5 TV Place, Needham, Mass. 02192... Have you noticed now much media exposure Gay Moms have gotten since the *Newsweek* article? If you're legitimized in one national media outlet, you're accepted in them all....

"Closet Space" is looking for people to submit poetry, plays, articles, music, or anything relating to the gay experience. Especially needed is someone to write a gay soap opera. Send all suggestions and material to "Closet Space," WCAS Radio, 620 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 02139. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope... Gay Media Action now meets every Sunday at 2 to discuss and coordinate each week's "Closet Space." If you want to join the group or work on the show, call 868-5729 for info... Heard on the comedy series "Roll Out" – Italian Commander (proudly): "You know about Michaelangelo, of course." His Aide: "I know he was a homosexual, sir." It's small, but it's progress.

LAST CALL

bill's room upstairs

celebrity room downstairs

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(off Avery St.—between Wash. & Trem.)

YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, BUT DO WE??

As a community newspaper, GCN wants to print news and information of interest to the entire gay community. Our small staff can't be everywhere at once, so if you hear of something of interest to gay people, let us know about it. Send news items to "News Editor," c/o GCN (be sure to include your name and phone number, or the name and phone number of someone else we can contact if we need more information), or call us at (617) 523 8729. You'll be helping the gay community.

REACT!!

LIVE FREE OR DIE (Motto, State of New Hampshire)

The recent problems of gay student groups in New Hampshire and Maine and the emotions that they evoke are so strong, that one feels overwhelmed in even beginning to address these issues.

After one exhausts the list of appropriate adjectives for Rev. Bubar of the Augusta Christian Civic League and Gov. Thomson of New Hampshire, what is there left? Their illogical fears and hostility are at such a level that no reasonable arguments, least of all from the gay community itself, can impress them. The real problem is combating their influence on others and trying to correct all the misconceptions. The gay groups, through their own perserverance, will survive, but so will the irrational emotions created.

We can honestly understand the precarious financial position of public universities and the politics involved. In many ways we must be thankful for their support, even if tacit, during such attacks as Thomson's and Bubar's. But there is cause for sadness: we all feel the weariness and frustration of fighting the same battle again. If a university seriously strives to be a place of learning, freedom, understanding and human enlightenment, then the silence is deafening – and ironic. To stand up to a Bubar, a Thomson or even a Loeb takes courage, but the stakes are high for all involved. In these volatile times, courage and principle are rare, but we are still idealistic enough to expect it.

REACTIONS:

Dear GCN:

The enclosed letter resulted from a modest little dudgeon I experienced upon reading the word "fags" used in an entirely gratuitous way by Kevin Kelly of the *Globe* in an otherwise admirable movie review. It's discourse enough on the degree of my liberation to point out that the letter is signed with a pseudonym, although I have progressed so far as to use my real initials below.

My output of screeds and diatribes has been pretty modest, but I'm coming to believe that gays should be more outspoken about the defamations that are laid on them. A diplomatic rebuke accomplishes two purposes: it helps to rectify the slanderer's distorted prejudices at the same time that it gives the rebutter a chance to actively develop and display the courage of his convictions.

My thanks to you for your encouraging and exemplary work.

Sincerely,
RRZ

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I write to compliment you on your lucid and sprightly review of Woody Allen's "Sleeper" in last Friday's (21 Dec.) *Globe*. The piece was smartly paced and workmanlike and entirely free of the sort of portentous cineastic cant that mars so many movie critiques lately. I am sufficiently touted on the merits of "Sleeper" by your review that I intend to see the picture the first chance I have, undeterred by the fact that you are a meretricious mick. And a sheenie cretin.

Did you start? Those animadversions on your ancestry, did they seem jarringly at variance with my earlier praise, which was, not incidentally, sincere? O.K., perhaps you've guessed now that my zap was polemical and not racist; I just wanted to facimilate for you what it's like to be jolted out of a budding rapport, as I was when I read you, by the use, deliberate or frivolous, of a dehumanizing epithet. To be more concise my message is simply that your use of the word "fags" was contextually gratuitous, and that gay people are less willing now to bear their calumniation and the traducing of their personhood in silence.

If you'll forgive my anticipating you here, perhaps you'll reply that you are tired of sixties hypersensitivity and touchiness and inveterate injustice-collecting. But fatigue is not exculpatory. Someday in a saner culture the word "fag" may work no greater hardship on gay people than the term "WASP" with its certain wry cachet works on the English-descended. But at a time when homophobia is still virulent in this land and gay people are still subject to cruelly punitive economic and social sanctions, fair-minded people who respect the humanity of dissidents, sexual or political or whatever, will take care to be reasonably scrupulous not to promote the hostility with which our culture so benightedly responds to noncriminal nonconformists.

Yours respectfully,
R. Littlefield

To *Gay Community News:*

Your review of the *Time Magazine* article on Dr. Green and his clinic [GCN No. 1-26] was excellent, as are all you articles. I hate to miss an issue!

Jerry Frazier

P.S. Someday, when jobs don't depend on one's sexual preferences, I'll use my real name.

(Ed. Note: Reader Frazier's letter to Dr. Green follows.)

Dear Dr. Green:

I am very curious as to why you are so interested in making life "easier" for those children whom you believe show homosexual tendencies at a young age. It is evident that you KNOW the heterosexual way of life will be the better and easier life style for these children, but I believe this an arbitrary decision on your part. Certainly you are entitled to your own beliefs, but are you not acting both God-like and Hitlerian when you make decisions for children too young to know their own mind? Have you been sufficiently fair-minded to include in your study a group of children who have shown heterosexual tendencies? In this way you could "open up more social options" for *all* children and would avoid labeling heterosexuality as the only correct and happy way to live. Mention was also made in the Nov. 26 *Time Magazine* article that many of the children in your study have shown "apparent improvement." Has a control group been used to add fuel to your claim that apparent homosexual boys can be changed to apparent heterosexual boys?

I am *homosexual* and *female*. I am also happy in my homosexuality and in my femaleness. By your standards, however, were I to be completely happy in this world we live in, I should be changed into a *heterosexual man* to make life "easier" for me. For

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The Fag in the fifth row

A Commentary on area entertainments of gay interest
by
Jonathan Cross

The Boys in the Baths

"Tubstrip," a comdey-expose about nine gays in a turkish bath, has extended its run at Theatre Two in Cambridge until January 20. We made it to Kendall Square last week, and found the experience of "Tubstrip" rather like the tubs themselves: undeniably enjoyable but more-than-faintly degrading.

The script, by A.J. Kronengold, is not gay Neil Simon but second-string Mart Crowley. Indeed, the whole affair, from its *Grand Hotel* collection of gay stereotypes, to its attempted mixture of pathos and satire, seems a spin-off from the success of *Boys*, with the nudity of the bath setting thrown in for voyeuristic good measure.

Unlike Crowley, though, Kronengold doesn't trouble himself to bring his gay caricatures into dramatic relation. They all just drift in and out, exchanging come-ons and put-downs and acting out a range of sexual fantasies from the ridiculous to the kinky. At one point (no pun intended), a pair of S&M lovers decide to put rings through somebody else's nipples. Whether this is funny or arousing or whatever depends on your point of view, I suppose; people did laugh, albeit nervously.

But the verbal by-play is good, the put-downs *are* funny, and Andy Holiday, as the bitchy black bath veteran, and Jake Everett, as Wally, a balding, fussy, naughty-old-man, trade insults and in-jokes and one-liners with appropriately campy bravado. They both know their audience and play to (and with) the crowd. The rest of the cast – one gorgeous (Carl Landreth), all acceptably pulchritudinous – play one-dimensional variations on the gay theme. There's the leather-boy in the business suit, his cute little partner in B&D, the dumb blonde hustler, the nervous first-timer, the standoffish attendant, the stud Marine from Nam, etc., etc. Everyone wears a towel (or less), except Wally, who changes bathrobes six or seven times, winding up in a stunning Japanese number with a gold-lame cumberbund. The nudity, which is of the catch-a-peek-if-you-can variety, isn't very sexy, and the intimate moments (a kiss or two and some foreplay, no real eroticism), seemed to embarrass cast as well as audience. Needless to say, nobody loves anybody.

Which brings me to the degradation. I wonder whether gay people can afford "Tubstrip" 's kind of exaggerated parodies of life and love. The play seems too much a part, or an example, of gay self-hatred – playing the clown (as queen), covering the real person with glitter and mannerisms and camp values – lacerating ourselves to show the world we cannot bleed. Nothing you can do, "Tubstrip" is saying, is worse than what we do to ourselves. Perhaps I'm being too serious, too political, about what is, after all, only an evening's diversion. "Tubstrip" *is* amusing and fun, but it is also an empty and heartless cartoon of what should be sharing and humane and, yes, beautiful. Yes, even in the baths.

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COUNTRY CLUB

FOCUS ON

Started only last fall, the Wilde/Stein Club of the University of Maine–Orono has met with considerable success in organizing the student gay population. Numbering approximately twenty-five active members, the group had met with limited hostility and actually considerable cooperation until the recent attacks by the Christian Civic League. (See this week's front page news story.)

Receiving recognition from the campus Student Center Committee a month after founding, this gave the group rights to the use of facilities, hold functions, and acquire office space. The vote of approximately 40 to 13 for their recognition seems impressive, yet it is exceptional for the vote not to be unanimous. While only three of the approximately thirty organizations on campus are funded, an application for funding by the gay group was rejected by the committee, with the Student Senate President quoted as saying that it would "be bad for the image of the university" if it were to be funded.

Founded to provide gay solidarity, provide a social function and end discrimination, it has had sufficient backing from student government and tacit support from the administration and faculty, although the student body as a whole is described as apathetic. Examples of university cooperation include purchase of gay oriented literature by the library and major support from the campus director of the University Equal Rights Office.

The organizers of the gay group feel that they faced only minimal student hostility for the first few weeks after the founding of the group, and that now they are somewhat celebrities.

Their present projects include: securing a representative on the Chancellor's committee on Human Equality; planning and hosting a Maine State Gay Conference; creating better relations with many lesbians who are not involved with the group; demanding full and equal rights with every organization on Campus; and continued reaching out to the uninvolved gay community on campus and the surrounding area.

These activities will proceed as planned, although the work may have been made more difficult by Rev. Bubar and his Christian Civic League.

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GAY JEWS

We're having a get-together on Wed, Jan 23 at 8:00 pm at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge Av, Boston. Let's meet each other and see where it takes us! A synagogue maybe? For more info call Linda Bach @ 523-6517 or write (or come by) Staya, c/o Gay Community News, 70 Charles St., Bos., Ma., 02114. Shalom.

Gay Brother, 28 yrs, looking for part or full-time job. Have DDS degree, but main interests are natural foods, plants or greenhouse work writing, working with kids. Call Satya at 523-8729 or write c/o GCN, 70 Charles St., Boston, Ma. 02114.

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P.S. WHITCH

is back at the Saints Wednesday nights in January & Jan. 10, 11, 12.

DID YOU SEE?

by Wendy Bauman & Ginny Collins

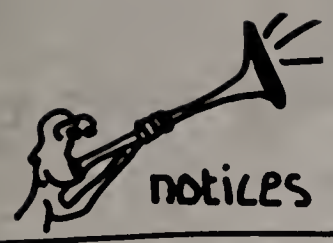
Boston Globe, January 3: Beth is asked "What makes people homosexual anyway? Is it like a disease?" Part of her response – "Why does our society consider homosexuality a mental disorder?" Beth gives an historical perspective – the Golden Years in Greece, circa 450 BC, when homosexual activity was as valid as heterosexual activity. She even says we're not contageous, and should not be treated "any differently from anybody else."

Boston Globe, January 4: "Patricia Fogarty McQuillan, who as a World War II Marine officer repaired engines on fighter planes and is militant in the women's rights battle, was presented the 'Feminist Extraordinaire' award last week by several feminist leaders."

Boston Globe, January 4: "GAY TO FINISH ARMY HITCH. (AP)" "FRANKFURT, Germany – A US Army board has decided that a self-admitted homosexual soldier can serve out his active duty time. The decision was made on the grounds that the military might be able to rehabilitate him."

Boston Globe, December 22: Kay Longcope reviews the religious community for the year. Included in the review is the noticeable development made by churches and synagogues in dealing with gay and women's liberation.

Boston Globe, December 24: Edwin Briggs, teacher at Wheaton College, reviews *Portrait of a Marriage: V. Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson*, by Nigel Nicolson. The author, son of V. S-W and H.N., found an autobiographical manuscript written by his mother about her love affair with another woman – Violet Trefusis. The book focuses primarily on this affair, and later the author gives an account of the remainder of his parents' marriage. The book is published by Atheneum, New York. 249 pages. $10.00.



YES, WE CAN! A celebration by women, for women at a free all-day "Fair", January 18, 1974, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm at John Hynes Auditorium.

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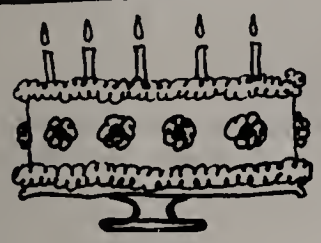


The Fifth Annual Birthday Bash for the Homophile Union of Boston will be held once again for the first time at the famous "Bill's Last Call", Sat., Jan. 19, 1974, 7–11 pm. For advance tickets ($1.50) and further info call HUB – 536-6197.

Tickets will be $2.00 at the door. Price includes Full Buffet, Entertainment, 2 Free Drinks, Door Prizes, Entertainment. Bring your friends.

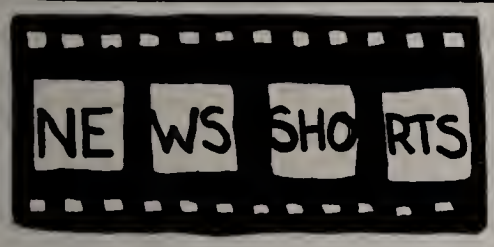
The Monthly Meeting for the Active Gay Community will be held January 12 at 11:00 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

Janet Cooper will celebrate her friends and her own poetry Sunday, January 13, 1974, at 8:30 in the CSMH Coffeehouse. Janet is a long-time resident of Boston now teaching at Shippensburg State College in Applachian Pennsylvania. She has read poetry and spoken often at gay conferences.

With this reading the Good Gay Poets series resumes after a little holiday respite. In the future, readings will be on a monthly or ad hoc basis. Anyone interested in reading or helping the project, call Charley Shively 536-9826.

A Women's Sleigh Ride to be held in February, is being sponsored by DOB. The tentative date is Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. The cost of $5 per person includes skating, sleigh riding, tobogganing, a bonfire and barbecue. Bring skates, toboggan, warm clothing, food and liquor (if desired). There will also be a dance in the barn, with Deadly Nightshade performing.

The event will be held at Ellendale Stables, Rte. 27, Sherborn, Mass. (People will meet at Grossmans in Wellesley on Rte. 16 at 12 noon.) Call DOB office for more information: 262-1592.



Lisbon, Portugal—Three women, authors of a book called "The New Portuguese Letters" which was banned by the Portuguese government, are now being tried here. Maria Isabel Barreno, Maria Teresa Horta and Maria Velho DaCosta refuse to say which one of them wrote the passages of the book deemed "pornographic" by the government. Each woman faces a sentence of 6 months to 2 years in jail.

In February 1971, the three writers decided to meet twice a week to write a book exposing the social order which keeps women in the role of men's servants. The result is a 389-page collection of poems, le ters, and news about family, marriage and sexuality. It is signed collectively.

As soon as it appeared, the book was a tremendous success but was seized after only one month in circulation. Censorship prevented any reporting of the seizure but several women's groups in other countries have worked to arouse public opinion.

A verdict in the case is not expected soon. And it is likely that no information about the trial will be officially released.

SAN ANTONIO – A Women's Army Corps supply clerk stationed at Fort Sam Houston has "come out" publicly. But the Army apparently is ignoring her call for a test case that would determine whether the Army has the right to discriminate against gays.

She has travelled to the Pentagon twice in an attempt to confront Army brass with her sexuality. But she says the most severe actions taken against her have been charges of being absent without leave (while she was in Washington) and minor charges concerning her personal appearance.

However, she has been given to understand her reenlistment will not be welcome, and that her National Guard and Army Reserve status will not be sustained after her enlistment ends.

She plans to again assert her homosexuality at a hearing on the AWOL charges.

CANBERRA, Australia – Australia's lower house of parliament has turned down a measure that would uphold laws that make it a crime for consenting adults to engage in gay sex acts.

The motion will have no direct force in the states of Australia, but persons will no longer be prosecuted in Canberra for engaging in gay sex acts.

(CONTINUED FROM REACTIONS)

as you and I both know it is "easier" in this life if one is male. Public attitudes toward both homosexuals and toward women do not make life particularly easy for either group. However, I still believe I will be happier being homosexual and female than being heterosexual and male. Should you not leave the choice in these matters up to the individual and stop tampering with his life style?

Sincerely yours,
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celled. The group was notified so that "it could make plans for another location," but when the gay group persisted and was willing to wait until Spring, the administration could not make any definite committment for a re-scheduling at this time.

The administration reaction seems to be typical of the recent situations at public educational institutions. Their financial dependency on state politics forces them to either publicly fight the oppression, which none seems eager to do, or try to wait it out until it is forgotten with as little publicity as possible.

Aside from these negative results from the publicity, the Wilde/Stein club feels that it may have also been an aid in consciousness raising and making more Maine gays aware of the existence of their organization. They appear confident that these difficulties will be overcome and the Maine movement will become stronger because of it. (Please see this week's Focus On for background on the Wilde/Stein club.)

Gay Parents

What legal restrictions exist for a divorced gay parent in attempting to fight for the custody of his or her children? Of course in our society a gay parent has far less chance of obtaining custody just because he or she is Gay.

In a fairly recent custody case, a court investigator recommended that the mother be given custody of all five children before he found out that she was Gay. Three out of the five children requested to remain with the mother. The mother was finally awarded custody of the oldest child and refused custody of the four younger children. The mother was given unlimited visiting rights, which means that she could see the children as often as she wanted, one stipulation however was that when the children visited with the mother no other adults could be present.

Since being in the custody of their father, the children have been experiencing difficulties both socially and academically that did not exist previously. The mother feels that living with their father has caused those problems, and that his negative attitude towards her has been alienating her from the children. During the summer she contracted a lawyer to help her obtain custody of the children.

Recently the father announced that he was moving to Philadelphia and that he would be taking the children with him. At that time proceedings were filed to change parental custody. At this time no trial date has been set. More information concerning this case and other gay parent child custody cases will appear in the coming weeks.

CALENDAR JAN. 3 — 16

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7:30 pm MCC Bible Study Group, info 266-7491
8:00 pm Les. Lib. Mtg., Women's Ctr., Cambridge
9:00 pm U-Mass Amherst SHL mtg., 908 Campus Ctr.
9:00 pm Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM
Nite: Project Place Gay Crisis Line: 267-9150

4 — frida

5:30—6:30 pm Hvd-Rdclf GSA, Brks Hse, info 498-3096
9:00—1:00 am Gay Dance, upstairs CSMH, $1.50 donation

5 — satu

1:00 pm Bos Gay Youth Referrals & Info, 536-6197
2:00 pm Bos Gay Youth Open Rap & Mtg, 419 Boylston St, 509
2:00 pm NE Gay Conf Worc. GU office, 82 Franklin St., Worc.

6 — sunday

10:20 am Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM, 492-6450
1:00 pm Role Play. in Dance, Bos Ctr f/Arts, 539 Tremont, fl 3
2:00—4:00 pm Women's Basketball, Camb YWCA, Tem St. Cen Sq
6, 7, 8:15 pm MCC mtg, ser & fllshp hr, Old West Church
7:00 pm Prov. MCC serv., 410 Waterman Av., E. Prov.
8:00 pm Worc. Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester.

7 — mon

7:30 pm HUB Rap, 419 Boylston, Rm. 509
8:00 pm MCC/Women's Ministry Rap Group

8 — tuesda

6:30—9:30 pm Bos Gay Youth Phone Referrals & Info 536-6197
7:00 pm Lesbian Therapy Res. Proj., Women's Ctr., Camb.
7:30 pm DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston, Rm. 323
7:30 pm Prov. MCC Prayer grp, 410 Waterman Av., E. Prov.

9 — wedn

7:30 pm DOB Lesbian Mother's Rap, 419 Boylston, rm 323
8:00 pm Bisexual Rap, Women & Men, 419 Boylston, rm 415
8:00—9:00 pm Gaybreak radio, WMUA 91.9 FM, Amherst

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12 — satu

11:00 am Monthly Active Gay Brunch, CSMH
1:00 pm Bos Gay Youth Referrals & Info, 536-6197
2:00 pm Bos Gay Youth Open Rap & Mtg, 419 Boyl, rm 509
2:00 pm Phys. Plan. Com. f/NE Gay Conf., DOB office, 419 Boyl

13 — sunday

10:20 am Closet Space, WCAS 740 Am 492-6450
Gay in Vermont Open House, 73 Church Street, Burlington, Vt.
1:00 pm Role Play, in Dance, Bos Ctr f/Arts, 539 Tremont, fl 3
2—4 pm Women's Basketball, Camb. YWCA, Temp St., Cen Sq
6,7,8:15 pm MCC Mtg, ser, & fllshp hr, Old West Church
7:00 pm Prov. MCC Serv., 410 Waterman Av., E. Prov.
7:30 pm DOB business mtg., DOB office
8:00 pm Worc. Gay Union. 82 Franklin St., Worc., fl 3, rm 31
8:30 pm Good Gay Poets, Janet Cooper, CSMH

14 — mon

7:30 pm HUB Rap, 419 Boylston, Rm. 509
8:00 pm MCC/Women's Ministry, Rap Group

15 — tuesda

6:30—9:30 pm Bos Gay Youth Phone Referrals & Info, 536-6197
7:00 pm Lesbian Therapy Re. Proj., Women's Ctr., Cambridge
7:30 pm DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston, Rm 323
7:30 pm Prov. MCC Prayer Grp, 410 Waterman Av., E. Prov.

16 — wedn

7:30 pm 'Focus' Staff mtg, call DOB for more info, 262-1592
7:30 pm DOB Lesbian Mother's Rap, 419 Boylston, Rm 323
8:00 pm —9:00pm Gaybreak Radio, WMUA 91.9 FM, Amherst
8:00 —? pm BU Homophile League, Sherman Union

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BOSTON AREA (area code 617)
- Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
- Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
- B.U. Homophile League 353-7238
- Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
- Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450 (Contact Loretta Lotman)
- Coming Out (the play) 868-5729 or 536-1719
- Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592
- Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
- Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
- Fag Rag 536-9826
- Gay Community News 523-8729
- Gay Craftworks 738-0428
- Gay Media Action 868-5729
- Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473
- Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston 542-6500x607
- Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451
- Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790 (Contact Elaine Noble or John Lawrence)
- Good Gay Poets 536-9826
- Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn. 498-3096
- Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477
- Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
- Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 261-8526 (Contact Andrew Kopkind or Littlejohn)
- Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807
- Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
- Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
- Metropolitan Community Church/Boston 266-7491
- Project Place 267-9150
- Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area code 617)
- Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359 Federal Sta., Worcester 01601

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS (area code 413)
- Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154
- Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883
- Gay People's Hour Radio (Amherst) 546-5176
- Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
- UMass-Amherst Student Homophile League 545-0154
- Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)
- Brown University Gay Liberation, SAO Brown Univ., Providence 02912 751-5091
- Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737
- Metropolitan Community Church (Providence) 831-3773
- Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817
- Providence Gay Women 274-0239

VERMONT (area code 802)
- Gay in Vermont 453-2678
- Vermont Gay Women 425-2782

CONNECTICUT (area code 203)
- Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101
- Metropolitan Community Church (Hartford) 525-3523

NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)
- Univ. NH Gay Student Organization, c/o Mem'l Union, Durham 03824
- Occupant, PO Box 137, Northwood 03261 (Gay Women's group; do NOT use "gay" on any mail to them)

MAINE (area code 207)
- Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
- Wilde-Stein Club, 12 Lord Hall, Univ. of Maine, Orono 04473